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Loving One's Neighbour

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Traditionally, **Shema Yisrael** or The Shema (Ex. 6:4-9) is the prayer every Jew prayed twice a day. It is a prayer which is seen as their Profession of Faith. Many devout Jews recite this prayer as the last recitation at the time of their death. This prayer has something unique – it reminds everyone of the unconditional and merciful love of God and exhorts individuals to live their entire life according to this God's unfathomable love. It calls upon everyone to make this profession everyday, keeping in mind all the precepts of God and how it affects our life spiritually, physically, and financially. That means we need to respond to God's everlasting love with all that we have, including our wealth and possession.

THE SHEMA – *"Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise."*

In today's Gospel passage, a lawyer asked Jesus, "which commandment in the law is the greatest?" (Mt. 22:36). The question seemed to be a straightforward one. Many rabbis tried to discover that one commandment which encompasses all teachings of the scriptures. Rabi Hillel taught, "Don't do to your neighbour what you don't like done to you! This is the

whole law, all the rest is a commentary". But Jesus goes back to the fundamental teaching of the Hebrew scripture and takes it from the Shema, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind" (Mt. 22: 37). Then, he explains what is implied in the command from another scripture from Leviticus 19:18, "Love your neighbour as yourself".

What makes one a neighbour? For a Jew, at a post-exilic time, a neighbour is a fellow Jew. But for Jesus, as we have seen in the Lukan Gospel, a neighbor is the one who is in need. A dying person on the road to Jericho, the widow who lost her only son, the begging Bartimaeus on the roadside... all are neighbours.

In the First Reading, Moses specifically gives directives to the people of Israel to take care of the aliens living in their Land. In those days, those people who happened to lose their homeland due to war or other reasons, faced many challenges to live normal lives. Most of the time they were not welcomed by others, were abused and/or persecuted. Hence, Moses tells them to treat these aliens as fellow human beings. He reminds them that they themselves were, one-time aliens in Egypt.

Both the Old and the New Testaments constantly remind us that we need to be considerate to widows, orphans, and strangers. In a way, it is telling us that we must pay attention to those people who are vulnerable and need our love to live in human dignity. It is constantly calling us to identify our neighbour who may be living near our doorstep. –

PARISH LITURGIES

—30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME—

October 29 – November 04

Tuesday, October 31 - St. Quentin

8:30 am Int. Eugene Pinto

Wednesday, November 01 - All Saint's Day

8:30 am All Saints

Thursday, November 02 - All Soul's Day

8:30 am Holy Souls in Purgatory
7:00 pm Holy Souls in Purgatory

Friday, November 03 - St. Martin de Porres

8:30 am + Deceased Bishops & Priests

—31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME—

Saturday, November 04 - St. Charles Borromeo

4:00 – 4:30 pm Reconciliation

5:00 pm For:

+ Darryl Ward, + Marlies Sievers, + Felicia Guzzo


Sunday, November 05

9:00 am For our
11:00 am Parish




MARK YOUR CALENDARS
Mass Times

All Saints Day – Wednesday, November 01, 2023 **8:30 am**
All Souls Day – Thursday, November 02 **8:30 am and 7:00 pm**



SANCTUARY LAMP

*Our Sanctuary lamp will be lit this week
for the Intentions of the Aubin Family and for the
Intentions of Alegria Lomibau*



PARISH BOOK OF LIFE

Throughout the month of November, the Parish Book of Life will be placed in front of the sanctuary by the paschal candle. You are encouraged to write down the names of deceased family members and friends who will be especially remembered at all Masses during the month.

MEMORIAL MASS

There will be a Mass on Wednesday, November 15th at 7:00 pm for all parishioners of Saint Dominic’s who have passed away during the past year. May they, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.



CWL NEWS CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Membership Weekend - Saturday/Sunday Oct. 28/29

Christmas Bazaar Saturday, November 25th 10 am to 3 pm

Member Christmas Lunch Sunday, December 10th – 12 noon

Our next general meeting will be held in the parish centre on Monday, November 6th at 7 pm.

Not a member, but curious? Please join us, all ladies of the Parish are welcome to attend.

THANK YOU TO OUR YOUNG VINCENTIANS

A special thank you to our Young Vincentians for their hard work and dedication in collecting food for the Thanksgiving Food Drive. You helped the needy and less fortunate of our community. You did an absolutely amazing job! **Congratulations!**



“The one who loves me will keep my word, and my Father will love him and we will come to him.”

CONQUEST & CHALLENGE

There is no Conquest and Challenge meeting this Tuesday, October 31st. The next Conquest and Challenge meeting will be on Tuesday, November 14th at 6:30 pm at St Dominic School.

POINSETTIA SALE!



Our newly-formed Young Vincentians have organized a Poinsettia Sale, offering plants in two sizes – 8” at \$20, or 10” at \$30, in either red or white. If you plan to purchase poinsettias this year, please consider supporting our young people through this initiative.

Orders and payment in cash or cheque (payable to St. Dominic CWL) may be dropped off after Mass. The deadline for orders is Sunday, November 05. Plants will be available for pickup at our Christmas Bazaar, or on November 25, from 10 am – 3 pm.

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

The mission of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul is to live the Gospel message by serving Christ in the poor with love, respect, justice and joy.

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All our funding comes from donations from supportive people like you. Please support the Society of St. Vincent de Paul's collection on November 4/5 weekend. Thank you!

—Society of St. Vincent de Paul

CAN YOU HELP?

Can you help the Sisters Poor of Jesus Christ and the St. Vincent de Paul Society serve the homeless? From October 22 – November 05, they welcome your donations of backpacks and personal care items to be distributed to the homeless and marginalized. Items must be dropped off at Saint Dominic's by Sunday, November 05. Items needed are: Backpacks, new underwear and socks, gloves, sample size toiletries (body wash, lotion, shampoo, toothpaste, etc.), hand warmers, new first-aid supplies such as bandages, gauze, etc., new blankets, towels, and snacks, such as granola bars, juice boxes, Gatorade, chip bags.

Our Young Vincentians will be helping with the distribution on the streets of Hamilton, on Friday, November 10 at 6:00 pm. Volunteers are also welcome to join and assist the Sisters in sharing the backpacks with the less fortunate. More details are on the parish website.

DID YOU KNOW...

Children in our parishes benefit from the Catechetical Correspondence Program each year for ongoing religious education and preparation for the Sacraments. We are in desperate need of more volunteers to support the demand of enrollment for the 2023-2024 pastoral year. If you are willing to accompany these children in their learning journey, please reach out to the Office for Evangelization and Catechesis at catechesis@hamiltondiocese.com for training and more information. To learn more about the Catechetical Correspondence Program, please visit: <https://bit.ly/DOHCCC>

13th ANNUAL HCCEF EVENING WITH BISHOP CROSBY

Join us for a wonderful evening at the 13th Annual HCCEF Evening with Bishop Crosby. This event will take place on Monday, November 13, 2023 at the Oakville Conference & Banquet Centre, 2515 Wycroft Road, Oakville, Ontario. It's a fun evening with exceptional food, fellowship, and a great cause. Doors open at 5:30 pm with a reception. Dinner is served at 6:30 pm. To register or purchase tickets for this event, please go to the website: www.hccf.ca



Daylight Savings Time Ends on Sunday, November 5th, 2023. Don't forget to turn your clocks back at 2:00 am.

Please bring your **leftover Halloween candy** next week to the box in the narthex. It will go to Dr. Simone's Canadian Food for Children, where it will be sent overseas to poor children.

HAMILTON DIOCESE PRAYER CALENDAR

Monday, October 30	Rev. Vinko Nenadic
Tuesday, October 31	Catholic Teachers
Wednesday, November 01	Feast of All Saints
Thursday, November 02	Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed
Friday, November 03	Rev. Louis DeVaugelas, L.C.
Saturday, November 04	Rev. Jerek Scherber, L.C.

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Parish Office Hours: Tuesday to Friday – 9:00 am to 4:00 pm
(Closed from noon to 1:00 pm).

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